

provide specific information regarding how students may implement the judicial bypass provisions of Section 71-6903. The State Department of Education shall develop and distribute to all public schools a standardized information form which may be used to comply with this section. The standardized information form shall be approved by the State Board of Education following opportunity for public testimony at a public hearing of the board." That is a measure which I proposed as an amendment and was adopted to the parental notification bill passed by this Legislature three or four years ago. It was my sense at that time that we were passing legislation that affected the lives of young women, and young women under the ages of, I forget, was it 19, 18, or whatever the age was that would be affected by this bill, are not those most likely to subscribe to the legislative information service and follow legislation and that there needed to be a mechanism for them to be aware of the fact that this bill had passed and affected their lives. So we adopted this as a fairly controversial amendment at that point. And I had a view in mind that what we needed to do was to provide information to young women. We passed the bill. You need to be aware of this and, perhaps, one of the values, and I was not a supporter of the parental notification bill, but one of the values of passing a parental notification bill might be a thought that if abortion was to be sought that parents would have to be notified or there would have to be a judicial bypass, and that might impact upon the behavior of the young people. After the bill was introduced, the Department of Education, as prescribed in this bill, went through a process of coming up with the suggested notification requirement...required in the bill. It was my sense, following that process along, first of all, let me say, I know that it was not a job the Department of Education asked to take upon, it was not one that they wanted to do. They had to follow the statute, so I have no hard feelings about the fact that they took this job on somewhat reluctantly, but it was my sense that what they came up with went way beyond what was required and actually did get into a notification to young women of how they should implement the judicial waiver. And so, there is a lot of controversy, a lot of concern about the way that rule and regulation came out. I communicated that concern. Communicated with people who were concerned about the way it was being implemented and agreed, at that time, to sponsor legislation that would take this, as a responsibility, away from the public schools, that I would sponsor legislation to repeal my original amendment. I did, I introduced LB 895 into the 1992 Legislative